

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system programmed to:

receive a first digital scale configuration input from a first user, via a first remote user client computer device of a plurality of remote client computer devices, regarding a first digital scale configured with the first remote user client computer device, wherein the first digital scale configuration input comprises at least one item of scale configuration information that is selected from a group consisting of: (A) a make of the digital scale, (B) a model of the digital scale, and (C) a type of port through which the digital scale communicates with the first remote user client computer device, and wherein each remote user client computer device of the plurality of remote user client computer devices accesses the shipping management computer system via a communications network;

receive an indication from the first user via the first remote user client computer device that the first digital scale will be used to measure a first weight of a first parcel;

send an instruction to the first digital scale, via [[each]]the first remote user client computer device, of a plurality of remote user client computer devices over a global communications network to recognize a measure the first weight of [[a]]the first parcel as measured by a digital scale configured with a remote user client computer device; and

receive, via instruct each the first remote user client computer device, of the plurality of remote user client computer devices to return a the first weight measured by the first digital scale to the shipping management computer system.

2. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, said shipping management computer system further programmed to: receive a second weight communicated by [[each]]a second remote user client computer device ~~over a~~ via the global communications network, wherein the second remote user client computer device is configured with a second digital scale, and wherein the second weight corresponds to a weight of a second package, and has been determined by using the second scale to weigh the second package.

3. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim [[2]]1, said shipping management computer system further programmed to: ~~instruct each remote user client computer device to determine whether the particular remote user client computer device is configured with a digital scale; and~~

~~instruct the remote user client computer device to request, in response to a confirming response that the particular remote user client computer device is configured with a digital scale, an identification of information about the particular digital scale with which the particular remote user client computer device is configured~~

use the first weight to calculate at least one shipping rate for shipping the first parcel.

4. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim [[3]]1, ~~wherein the identified information about the particular digital scale comprises a make and a model~~ said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

(A) send a request to the first digital scale, via the first remote user client computer device, to measure the first weight of the first parcel and to provide a notification that a measurement of the first weight is stabilized;

(B) repeat step (A) until the notification that the measurement of the first

weight is stabilized is received.

5. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim [[3]]1, said shipping management computer system further programmed to: ~~instruct each remote user client computer device to request, in response to an identification of information about the particular digital scale with which the particular remote user client computer device is configured, a weight from the digital scale with which the particular remote user client computer device is configured in a form recognizable by the digital scale according the identification of information about the particular digital scale~~ use the first weight to calculate at least one shipping rate for shipping the first parcel; and display the at least one shipping rate on a first display device configured with the first remote user client computer device.

Claim 6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

receiving an input from a first user, via a first remote user client computer device, said input comprising: (A) a make of a digital scale configured with the first remote user client computer device, (B) a model of the digital scale, and (C) a type of port through which the digital scale communicates with the first remote user client computer device;

receiving an indication from the first user via the first remote user client computer device that the digital scale configured with the first remote user client computer device will be used to measure a weight of a parcel;

sending a request to the digital scale to measure the weight of the parcel;

receiving instructing each remote user client computer device of a plurality of remote user client computer devices over a global communications network to

~~recognize a stream of data a weight of a parcel as measured by [[a]]from the digital scale configured with a remote user client computer device; and instructing each remote user client computer device of the plurality of remote user client computer devices to translating the stream of data into a set of scale communication information according to the make and model of the digital scale, wherein the set of scale communication information comprises return a the weight measured by the digital scale to the shipping management computer system.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, said method further comprising:

~~receiving a weight communicated by each remote user client computer device over a global communications network, wherein the remote user client computer device is configured with a digital scale using the weight to calculate at least one shipping rate for shipping the parcel.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 8, said method further comprising:

~~instructing each remote user client computer device to determine whether the particular remote user client computer device is configured with a digital scale; and~~

~~instructing the remote user client computer device to request, in response to a confirming response that the particular remote user client computer device is configured with a digital scale, an identification of information about the particular digital scale with which the particular remote user client computer device is configured~~

~~displaying the at least one shipping rate on a display device configured with the first remote user client computer device.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[9]]7, wherein the identified

~~information about the particular digital scale comprises a make and a model~~ said method further comprising:

using the weight to calculate a first shipping rate for shipping the parcel via a first delivery service offered by a first carrier;

using the weight to calculate a second shipping rate for shipping the parcel via a second delivery service offered by the first carrier; and

using the weight to calculate a third shipping rate for shipping the parcel via a third delivery service offered by a second carrier.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[9]]10, said method further comprising:

~~instructing each remote user client computer device to request, in response to an identification of information about the particular digital scale with which the particular remote user client computer device is configured, a weight from the digital scale with which the particular remote user client computer device is configured in a form recognizable by the digital scale according the identification of information about the particular digital scale~~

displaying the first shipping rate, the second shipping rate and the third shipping rate on a display device configured with the first remote user client computer device.

Claim 12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, said computer program product comprising: ~~a set of program computer executable instructions for instructing each remote user client computer device to, for each particular one of a plurality of remote user client computer devices over~~

(A) receive, via said particular remote user client computer device, an indication from a particular user associated with the particular remote user client computer device that a digital scale configured with the particular remote user client computer device will be used to measure a weight of a particular parcel, wherein said digital scale is of a particular make and model, and wherein said digital scale is configured with the remote user client computer device via a particular type of port; and

(B) send, via a global communications network to recognize, instructions to the particular remote user client computer device to:

(1) receive a weight of a particular parcel as measured by the digital scale; and configured with a remote user client computer device; and a set of program instructions for instructing each remote user client computer device of the plurality of remote user client computer devices to return a

(2) communicate the weight of the particular parcel to the shipping management computer system.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein said computer program product further comprising: a set of program~~comprises~~ computer executable instructions for receiving a weight communicated by each remote user client computer device over a, via said global communications network, wherein thea respective package weight from each of said plurality of remote user client computer device is configured with a digital scale~~devices~~.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 14, 13, wherein said computer program product further comprising:comprises computer executable instructions to, for each respective one of said plurality of remote user client computer devices:

a set of program instructions for instructing each~~receive, via said~~ global communications network, a respective parcel weight from said

respective remote user client computer device to determine whether the particular remote user client computer device is configured with a digital scale; and a set of program instructions for instructing the remote user client computer device to request, in response to a confirming response that the particular remote user client computer device is configured with a digital scale, an identification of information about the particular digital scale with which the particular remote user client computer device is configured, said respective parcel weight being associated with a respective parcel; and

use said respective parcel weight to calculate at least one respective shipping rate for shipping said respective parcel.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 15, wherein the identified information about the particular digital scale comprises a make and a model, 13, wherein said computer program product further comprises computer executable instructions to, for each respective one of said plurality of remote user client computer devices:

receive, via said global communications network, a respective parcel weight from said respective remote user client computer device, said respective parcel weight being associated with a respective parcel;

use said respective parcel weight to calculate at least one respective shipping rate for shipping said respective parcel; and

use said respective parcel weight to calculate:

(A) a respective first shipping rate for shipping the respective parcel via a first delivery service offered by a first carrier;

(B) a respective second shipping rate for shipping the respective parcel via a second delivery service offered by the first carrier; and

(C) a respective third shipping rate for shipping the respective parcel via a third delivery service offered by a second

carrier.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 15,13, wherein said computer program product further comprising: a set of program instructions for instructing each remote user client computer device to request, in response to an identification of information about the particular digital scale with which the particular comprises computer executable instructions to, for each respective one of said plurality of remote user client computer device is configured, a weight from the digital scale with which the particular devices:
receive, via said global communications network, a respective
parcel weight from said respective remote user client computer device is configured in a form recognizable by the digital scale according the identification of information about the particular digital scale, said respective parcel weight being associated with a respective parcel;
use said respective parcel weight to calculate at least one
respective shipping rate for shipping said respective parcel; and
use said respective parcel weight to calculate:
(A) a respective first shipping rate for shipping the
respective parcel via a first delivery service offered by a first carrier;
(B) a respective second shipping rate for shipping the
respective parcel via a second delivery service offered by the first
carrier; and
(C) a respective third shipping rate for shipping the
respective parcel via a third delivery service offered by a second
carrier; and
display said respective first shipping rate, said respective second
shipping rate, and said respective third shipping rate on a respective
display device configured with the respective remote user client computer
device.

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Claim 18. (Cancelled).